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Acts I-filing changes that will affect you.

Starting October 8, 2014, users with an email user id will need to create a new password following the USPTO Security Guidelines

The USPTO password standards require a password that must contain at least 3 of the following 4 categories of characters:

- (1) English upper-case characters (A-Z);
- (2) English lower-case characters (a-z);
- (3) At least one number (0-9); and
- (4) Non-alphanumeric characters these are allowed: ! @ # \$ % ^ & * ().

The password must be a minimum of 12 characters in length and a maximum of 15 characters in length.

Users will need to change their password every 60 days

If you forget your password, you can click on the 'Forgot My Password' link and a new password will be sent to your email address associated with your user id.

Changes in the I-filing system that will affect all users:

Users will be able to download up to 10 documents with a combined file size of up to 300 Mb or a single document of a file size of 300 Mb in an interference case in a single session. This change is due to the bandwidth limitation and larger file size downloads that have been disabling the system.

Users will see a separate exhibit tab for the interference case.

There is no longer an option to "Select All" for downloading the file contents of an interference case.

Changes for the party filer:

Single document upload will require a user to select a document type.

Two emails will be sent to the party filer and opposing party when documents are uploaded and submitted into the system.

The first one will be the submission receipt email:

"USPTO received your submission at XX:XX EDT Month Date, Year. You have to wait up to 24 hours for the system to process your files in Interference Number: XXXXXX

The Following Documents were Filed by: ZZZZ

yyyy.pdf

Document Name: yyyy

Paper Type: Document Type

Access Type: Public".

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The second will be the processed by the system email:

"The document received on XX:XX EDT Month Date, Year has been processed by the system. The document in the Interference number XXXXXX is available in the system for viewing. Name of the file is: yyyy.pdf in Interference number: XXXXXX."

A single pdf file of a size greater than 25 MB will need to be divided into smaller pdf files. The smaller pdf files can be uploaded in a single session and then combined as one file by the system. Note that maximum number of files that can be consolidated is 10 files with a combined file size of up to 250 MB.

Please contact the Interference Help Desk at 571-272-4683 with any questions.

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